

A, 29. The sterilizable composite film according to Claim 11, wherein the first functional layer (a) is a polyester, a printed image is printed on the outside of the polyester layer and a lacquer coating covers the image.

**In the Specification**

Support for new claims 27 and 28 is found on page 2, line 34 to 37.

Support for new claim 29 is found on page 6, lines 13 and 14.

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